

BERLIN MAY TREAT WITH WILSON FOR END OF WAR

Reports From Germany Say Kaiser Is Prepared To Grant Complete Restoration Of Belgium And Evacuate French Soil

COLONEL HOUSE MAY OPEN WAY TO PEACE

Alsace-Lorraine Will Not Be Surrendered Nor Will Teutonic Powers Abandon Militarism, Which Is Their Bulwark

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
BERLIN, May 27.—Germany is prepared to grant complete restoration of Belgium and the portions of France her armies now hold, according to well defined reports circulating here.

This attitude, which has become evident within the last few days, was put into semi-official words yesterday following the repetition of a report from Washington and New York that Colonel House of Texas, the personal friend and envoy of President Wilson, is about to make another trip to Europe.

This report was received without surprise in German official and private circles, and was even hailed with pleasure in many quarters where the belief was expressed that Colonel House is coming with a proposal which will make possible the laying of firm foundations for future peace negotiations.

Such, at least, is the hope expressed in many high places. As one person put it yesterday, "it is to be hoped that the colonel will come as the harbinger of peace, or at least come prepared to lay the foundations for peace proposals to follow."

In other quarters, while the report was accepted as based upon fact, it was pointed out that the trip is unlikely until after the coming political conventions in St. Louis and Chicago. At the same time it was said that Germany is prepared to meet any reasonable suggestion that might be made by the President's envoy.

It was pointed out that the relative military positions held by the Entente Allies and the Teutonic allies are such as to allow Germany great latitude to make peace overtures, should the basis upon which they are made stand a shadow of a chance of meeting the approval of the British, French and Russian governments.

Berlin In Receptive Mood

In certain circles it was asserted that Wilhelmstrasse is prepared even to reconsider its open mind any suggestions that might be made concerning the situation in Belgium and the parts of France north of the Aisne, occupied by the Teutonic forces.

"Restoration is easily in the bounds of possibility," declared one Berliner of prominence in discussing the possibilities opened up by the announcement of the coming visit of Colonel House.

That belief is shared in many quarters, official, semi-official and unofficial. On one issue, however, it was everywhere asserted, Germany stands firm. No terms will be considered that will mean the cession of Alsace-Lorraine, or any of the other fruits of the Franco-Prussian War. Should such suggestions be made the government will not even discuss them, it was asserted.

No Indemnity For Belgium
The Allies must also abandon their idea of demanding indemnity for the damage done in Belgium, it was insisted. This is another of the points upon which Germany will not argue. No compensation will be paid for the occupation of Belgium, and if the Entente persists in demanding it the hopes of peace undoubtedly will go glimmering.

Another thing that the Entente must eliminate from its expectations is the crushing of the military power of Germany and Austria. Berlin feels that this is a matter of national life and death, and is prepared to go down to utter ruin rather than to relinquish one jot or tittle of the military power that has enabled her to withstand the assaults of her foes.

German Attitude Altered
In the same quarters it was pointed out that the attitude of Germany toward many of the vexed territorial and financial questions which hitherto have threatened any peace proposals with failure, has now materially altered. There would be no real difficulty, it was said, in making satisfactory arrangements for the settlement of these questions, providing the Entente shows themselves willing to abandon their demands for indemnities for Serbia and Belgium, and the crushing of the German military power.

WASHINGTON IS INTERESTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The statement from Berlin regarding the attitude of the German government toward peace, which is regarded as having been inspired by the "highest Teutonic authority," was read by government officials last night with the most intense interest. The only comment any of them would make however, was that the speech which President Wilson is to make tonight, undoubtedly would clear up much that is now dark, and

Berlin And Paris Both Claim Gains Hard Fighting Continues At Verdun

LONDON, May 27.—Once more the reports from the battlefields around Verdun are flatly contradictory. Dealing as they do with the fighting near Douaumont, Haumont and Thiaumont, the reports from Berlin deny to the French statement describing the same battles.

One thing stands out without dispute. The heavy fighting and fearful losses of the army under the Crown Prince continue unbroken. It is also certain that the "Tentons" continue as the aggressors, hammering at the French lines in the vicinity of Fort Douaumont with unabated fury and desperate valor.

German Extent Lines
Berlin, in the official statement issued yesterday, said that the Germans had extended their lines west of the Haumont quarry, and had crossed the famous ravine at Douaumont village, where so many of the brave Bavarians fell in the early assaults of the four-month struggle.

South of the fort, continues the announcement, the Germans have driven the French still further back, and have taken six hundred prisoners.

Paris, in the official communique issued last night, contradicts this flatly, declaring that "the Germans have driven ineffectually to drive the French from the approaches to the fort, losing enormously in their abortive efforts."

The statement adds that the French have gained some of the ground lost to

the Germans in that locality the other day.

Big Guns Are Belching
The infantry attacks in this sector of the Verdun front were the only foot assaults recorded in the records of the fighting yesterday. Elsewhere in that twelve-mile line the big guns have kept up their sullen, vicious bombardments. In the Avocourt district, the preparation for infantry attacks, mentioned in Thursday's despatches, continued without a let-up, and the German gunners again concentrated their attention on the French defenses of Hill 304, where the attempt to "squeeze" out the salient that is apexed upon Le Mort Homme must begin, if anywhere.

SLAYS BEAT BACK GERMANY
PETROGRAD, May 27.—Desperate attacks by the Germans facing the Russian defensive positions north of Lake Minsol were beaten back by the Slavs yesterday, according to the official reports issued by the war office here last night. This was the most important fighting of the day on the long eastern front, where, for the most part, comparative quiet ruled.

Later reports from the Grand Duke Nicholas in the Caucasus region and Mesopotamia, indicate that the armies there are gathering themselves for fresh offensives. There were no changes mentioned in any of the despatches from that front.

WILSON'S HOPE OF PEACE BRIGHTENS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—President Wilson just now is giving more consideration to the possibility of early peace negotiations than at any time since the beginning of war, according to definite information.

He is understood to be preparing to do everything possible informally to bring about a discussion of peace, although he has not indicated any intention to offer his services formally as mediator.

His address tomorrow at the session of the League to Enforce Peace is expected to be in the nature of a preliminary overture.

Secretary Lansing has been confined to his home for a week with indisposition. Regarding the reports that he contemplated resigning because of differences between the President and the state department, Lansing issued a statement today in which he said: "This is part of a propaganda the deliberate purpose of which is to create an appearance of dissension, which does not exist."

BERLIN DENIES RUMOR

BERLIN, May 26.—The rumor that Prince von Buelow, former chancellor, would shortly leave for Washington on a special mission from the Kaiser was officially denied today. The rumor originated that von Buelow might succeed Ambassador von Bernstorff.

EIGHTEEN ARE KILLED BY AUSTRIAN ARMIES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

LONDON, May 26.—Eighteen persons, mostly women and children were killed today and a score more injured in an air raid by the Austrians upon the Italian town of Bari, according to a Rome despatch.

ARMY APPROPRIATION MEASURE GROWS FAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The army appropriation bill now totals \$152,274,297. A new provision has been drafted aiming to prevent possible Japanese monopolization of freight traffic for the Philippines. The provision provides that United States transports may carry merchandise of American production to non-contiguous territory and that the products of territories may be brought back to the mainland.

ARGENTINE TRAINING SHIP REACHES JAPAN

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Wireles.)

TOKIO, May 27.—The Argentine training ship, arrived in Yokohama yesterday afternoon. All on board are reported well. The ship came directly from Honolulu to Japan. She was welcomed at Yokohama by the mayor of the city and a delegation of naval officers.

BLAZE IN SHIP QUENCHED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

HONOLULU, May 27.—The British steamer Wislocky, bound from New York for Vladivostok, is reported to have caught fire at sea and to be beached at Cape Varella, Cebu, China. Assistance was sent to the scene and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze.

HOUSE HAS NO PLANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

NEW YORK, May 27.—Colonel House, when seen last night, following the arrival of the despatches from Berlin with the report that he is planning to pay another visit to Europe, merely smiled as he said: "As yet I have no plans for returning to Europe. That is all I have to say."

CARRANZA GENERAL SEEKS CONFERENCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

Mexican Commander in Chihuahua Would Reach Agreement With General Funston

WASHINGTON, May 27.—With the killing of Gen. Candelario Cervantes, second in command to General Villa, and a bad fighter on his own account, by troops under General Pershing, near Cruces, Chihuahua, and the request made by General Funston and General Pershing for a conference with General Carranza, the Carranza situation in Chihuahua, the Mexican commander in assuming a brighter hue.

General Funston last night wired to the war department asking that the request for conferences looking to a more complete cooperation between General Pershing and General Carranza, be granted. This request, made by Carranza, is taken to mean that the Carranzas are shifting their attitude of suspicion and animosity toward the American troops and are willing to work in harmony with them.

MEXICANS ARE MASSACRED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAN ANTONIO, May 26.—News of a bloody and ruthless massacre of innocent and helpless Mexicans has reached here. Two hundred men, women and children have been murdered by rebel bands between Mexico City and Cuernavaca. Most of them were government employees and their wives and children, en route to Cuernavaca.

J. J. HILL, RAILROAD KING PASSES A RESTFUL NIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 27.—James J. Hill, the railroad magnate and empire builder, though ill, is better than he was reported to be yesterday, when a hurry call for Dr. William Mayo, one of the famous surgeon brothers, was sent out from the bedside of the sick man. Doctor Mayo responded, making the trip from Rochester, Minnesota, in a special train, ordered by representatives of Mr. Hill. The latter had been ill for ten days, and yesterday morning his condition shifted for the worse.

NAVAL OFFICER KILLED BY ELECTRIC CURRENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAG HARBOR, New York, May 26.—Lieut. Clarence Richards, commandant of the destroyer Fanning, was instantly killed today when he was electrocuted at the local power station. The station watchman says that it appeared to him as if Richards committed suicide. He said the navy man grabbed the high-power wires.

A GOOD RULE FOR THE HOME.

Make it a rule of your home to always keep on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against bowel complaints. It always cures promptly and no household is safe without it. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

RENEWED ACTIVITY BEGINS IN LEVANT

Allied Troops Reported To Be Moving On Macedonian and Serbian Fronts

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

ATHENS, May 27.—Heavy movements of the allied troops are reported to be under way on the Macedonian and Serbian fronts, according to information received here from Salonika yesterday. The political situation in Greece is also strained, stories of a pending cabinet crisis having been both affirmed and denied in official quarters. There have also been rumors that the cabinet is on the point of resigning.

General Howell, chief of staff for the British army operating in the Balkans who for some time has been absent from this country on leave, has been hastening home with all possible speed. At Salonika, where the Allies are in "large force," the military activity has marked during the last few days, and it is rumored that movements of great importance are under way.

Bulgaria is also ready for eventualities, according to despatches. Thirty thousand Bulgarians, it is said, have been moved from the Black Sea region into Macedonia, which is said to have been threatened by the Allies.

STRIP COAST POSTS OF MOBILE TROOPS

Fortifications Now Garrisoned By Less Than 4000 Heavy Artillerymen

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—The Pacific coast has virtually been depleted of mobile troops by the recent orders to move forces from Vancouver Barracks, Spokane and Fort Lawton, Washington, and San Diego, to the border.

There remains but two troops of the First Cavalry and four companies of the Twenty-first Infantry at Calexico and four companies of the Fourteenth Infantry in Alaska; a company of engineers divided between San Francisco and Vancouver Barracks, and a field hospital company at Monterey, California. Calexico is on the California-Mexico border.

POLICE REVOLVERS END BANDIT CHASE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—After a sensational battle which began on a street-car in this city and was carried to a houseboat and there finished with a fusillade of bullets, an unknown desperado was killed today.

Before an end was put to the man, he had shot and killed Police Sgt. John Moriarty.

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(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

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Standard Dress For Women: Plan Federation of Clubs May Favor Idea

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

NEW YORK, May 27.—The home economics committee of the Federation of Women's Club of America, now holding a monster convention in this city, yesterday reported in favor of the standardization of street dress for American women. A resolution to this effect will be introduced next week by the committee, and there is a strong probability that the convention will go on record as having been in favor of the idea.

Twenty thousand American women are in session here, as delegates to the convention representing the 2,000,000 club women of America. The convention will continue in session until June 8. There are delegates from every State in the Union, and some from Alaska, Japan, England, Hawaii and South America, as well.

Special sentiment is attached to the women's convention by the fact that although the federation was founded here twenty-six years ago, this is the first time since then that the women have met in New York. It was "Jennie June" Croly, one of the founders of the Sorosis, the pioneer women's club in this country, who initiated the idea of a general convention of women's clubs in 1890, and the outcome of this was the holding of the first convention of the general federation in New York in the following year, when sixty-three clubs were represented by 126 delegates and the Sorosis was sister.

Chicago, Philadelphia, Louisville, Denver, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, St. Louis, St. Paul, Boston, Cincinnati, San Francisco and Chicago again have been the convention cities in the order named. This convention, the thirtieth, has Sorosis again as its hostess, in conjunction with the New York State and City federation, which are working their hardest to make the gathering a notable one in every direction.

The main drill hall of the army of the Seventh Regiment of the New

York National Guard, which will accommodate upwards of 8,000 women, is the principal meeting place. The colonel's room and other officers' quarters will be turned over to the women for headquarters. The army is located at Sixty-sixth street, occupying an entire block between Lexington and Park avenues.

The chief executive is Mrs. Percy V. Penneyacker, the president of the federation, whose home is in Austin, Tex., but who for the past two years has been traveling throughout the country keeping in personal contact with the activities of women's clubs. She is not a candidate for re-election this year, however, and the question of her successor is one of the most important items of business before the convention. The two candidates for the office are Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath, of Tiffin, O., and Mrs. Josiah Eveson Cowles, of Los Angeles. The Ohio candidate is at present first vice president of the federation, and is a club woman of wide experience. Mrs. Cowles, whose name has been put forward by the California women, has also been prominently identified with the federation several years as director, treasurer, and chairman of various committees.

Has \$100,000 Endowment
The federation has raised an endowment of \$100,000. The plan to raise such a sum was voted at the Cincinnati convention in 1910, and now that the sum has been realized it will be devoted by trustees, the interest being used to help carry on the work of the General Federation.

Many women prominent in New York club life will take their turn as hostesses to various sections of the great gathering. Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, for instance, was the first to entertain the women, at her home at Llewellyn Park, N. J. Mrs. John Hays Hammond was put forward by the California women, and Mrs. William T. DeWitt, of New York, will be hostess at a pioneer club women's dinner, and in addition there will be luncheons and dinners and other entertainments at various women's clubs.

DEMENTED ITALIAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Body of Demented Man Found Dangling From Tree Near Taro Patch

Alexander Rosalino, an Italian, fifty years of age, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging himself from a plum tree, on the banks of the Kaliki stream, about three hundred yards from King street, near a large taro patch. The body was found by several small boys, who notified the police.

Deputy Sheriff Asch cut the body down. The Italian evidently had been drunk about two hours. According to the police, Rosalino had been of unsteady mind for some time. Nothing is known of his relatives. A passport, written in Italian, and a watch, were found in his pockets.

When the body was found it was hanging by a thin, hand-woven cord, with a hangerman's knot fixed, which rested under the left arm. That Rosalino had made careful preparations for his death, was evident by the position of the body, which showed that he had climbed the tree, tied the noose about his neck, and taking no chances of the rope breaking by jumping from the tree, had suspended himself until the noose was drawn taut, and then let go.

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ALLEES MUST LET THEIR MAILS MOVE UNMOLESTED

Washington Tells Britain and France Practise of Seizing U. S. Postal Matter Upon Seas and Searching It Must Cease

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES TO BE MADE AT ONCE

Operations of Entente Powers Declared In Note To Be 'Lawless and Indefensible' and Wrongs Cannot Be Tolerated

WASHINGTON, May 27.—In the strongest possible diplomatic language the government of the United States has notified the governments of Great Britain and France that it can no longer "tolerate" the interference with American and neutral mails, of which it alleges those governments have been guilty, in a communication handed to the British and French ambassadors last Wednesday.

The note, the contents of which were made public last night, insists that only a radical change in the policy pursued by France and England will be satisfactory to the United States government, and demands that prompt action be taken to redress the wrongs to which Americans have been subjected. Tones Must Be Repaired.

The communication also serves notice that the United States is soon to press for the settlement of claims against France and Great Britain for damage already done to its citizens, and for losses already sustained.

In this last communication to London and Paris on this subject the administration has taken care not to mingle matters in the slightest. Insofar as official and diplomatic language can, the position of the government is made clear and unmistakable, and while there is no hint of an ultimatum, it is indicated that official Washington is determined to have a prompt answer and prompt action upon the demands made in the last communication to the warring governments.

Wrongs Are Intolerable

The note begins with a denunciation of the action of Great Britain and her ally in seizing and diverting neutral mails, as a "lawless and indefensible practice," and goes on to indicate that America has already suffered as much as she proposes to suffer from this source.

"We can no longer tolerate the wrongs which American citizens have suffered and are continuing to suffer, through the utterly lawless practices in which those governments have seen fit to indulge," says the note, "and we feel that nothing short of a radical change in the whole policy to be followed by Great Britain and France in this regard can afford complete satisfaction to the government of the United States."

Continuing Secretary Lansing, the author of the note with President Wilson, goes into detail regarding the "unprecedented and vexatious interference with the mails which has been perpetrated by Great Britain and French authorities."

Commercial Interests Harmed

He points out that commercial interests in the United States have been gravely harmed by these methods, and that the "rights of property of neutrals have been violated without compensation, and the rules of international law and custom palpably disregarded."

In concluding, Mr. Lansing announces that the Government of the United States intends soon to prepare and bring before the government of France and Great Britain formal claims for damages sustained by the interference with neutral mails by those countries, and will press for the speedy settlement of those claims.

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH MAN THOUGHT DESERTER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

NORFOLK, Virginia, May 27.—The chief of police was notified by the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard, across the river at Portsmouth, that a member of the crew of the interned Prinz Eitel Friedrich, is believed to have deserted the ship. The man's name is said to be H. W. Shultz, one of the stewards of the converted cruiser. He received permission yesterday to visit a dentist, having complained of his teeth and has not returned. Fifty dollars reward has been offered for his arrest.

T. K. K. PURCHASES TWO PACIFIC MAIL LINERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—The Toyo Kisen Kaisha Company has purchased the former Pacific Mail liners Korea and Siberia. It is understood that the purchase price was \$4,000,000.

DOCTOR DWIGHT DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 26.—The Rev. Timothy Dwight, D.D., former president of Yale, died today.